The Secret to Learning the Quran

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Baba: Mansoor, come sit with me. I want to share a beautiful lesson from the life of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

Mansoor: Oh, Baba! I love hearing stories about the Prophet ﷺ. What is it about today?

Baba: It is about how the Prophet ﷺ received the Quran from Angel Jibreel (علیہ السلام). Did you know he would move his lips quickly when Jibreel (علیہ السلام) recited to him?

Mansoor: Why did he do that, Baba?

Baba: He was eager to memorize the Quran right away. But Allah ﷻ told him: “Move not your tongue concerning (the Quran) to make haste therewith. It is for Us to collect it and to give you the ability to recite it.” (Surah Al-Qiyamah 75:16-17)

Mansoor: Oh! So, Allah promised that He would help the Prophet ﷺ remember?

Baba: Exactly! The Prophet ﷺ then listened carefully and let the words settle in his heart before repeating them.

Mansoor: Does that mean I should also listen first when learning the Quran?

Baba: Yes, my dear. When we rush, we might forget or make mistakes. But if we listen with focus and patience, Allah will make it easier for us to understand and remember.

Mansoor: That makes sense, Baba! From now on, I will listen carefully when my teacher recites and then repeat it slowly.

Baba: That’s the best way, my son. And remember, when we trust Allah, He helps us in ways we cannot imagine.

Mansoor: Alhamdulillah! I will always ask Allah to help me learn the Quran just like He helped the Prophet ﷺ.

Baba: MashAllah, my son. May Allah bless you with knowledge and wisdom.

Mansoor: Ameen, Baba! Can we recite together now?

Baba: Of course, my dear. Let’s begin.